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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PEPR EG UR  
SUBJECT: GOE UNHAPPINESS OVER SOVIET MEDIA TREATMENT  
- OF EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION

1. EGYPTIAN MEDIA APRIL 3 DEVOTED FRONT PAGE, LOW KEY  
COVERAGE TO MEETING PREVIOUS DAY BETWEEN FONMIN KAMEL  
AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYAKOV, REPORTEDLY AT LATTER'S  
REQUEST. ACCORDING PRESS KAMEL STRESSED CORRECTNESS  
SADAT INITIATIVE, IN VIEW ISRAEL'S INCREASING ISOLATION  
AND ALIENATION ISRAELI PEOPLE FROM BEGIN GOVERNMENT.  
ADDITIONALLY, KAMEL COMPLAINED THAT SOVIET PRESS CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST EGYPT STANDS IN WAY OF IMPROVED BILATERAL RELA-  
TIONS.

2. AKHBAR EDITORIAL APRIL 3 AMPLIFIED KAMEL'S COMMENT  
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ABOUT SOVIET MEDIA. PAPER NOTED RADIO MOSCOW HAS PICKED  
UP SOME DETAILS OF RECENT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON  
EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION, COMMENTING THAT EGYPT WAS  
IN MUCH BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN  
USSR AND EGYPT WERE ON "FIRM BASIS AND EQUAL FOOTING."  
AKHBAR RETORTED SOVIET ECONOMIC SITUATION NO  
LESS PARLOUS THAN EGYPT'S IN VIEW USSR IMPORTATION LARGE

AMOUNTS OF U.S. WHEAT. WHAT MOSCOW TERMS "EQUAL COOPERATION", IN AKHBAR VIEW, NOTHING LESS THAN "PILLAGE, LOOTING, EXTORTION AND DRAINING OF EGYPT'S RESOURCES TO MAXIMUM LIMIT POSSIBLE." AKHBAR NOTED EGYPT ONLY FOUND "SALVATION" WHEN GOE PUT END TO MOSCOW'S ECONOMIC "LOOTING."

3. COMMENT: COVERAGE OF KAMEL-POLYAKOV MEETING NON-CONTENTIOUS BUT VEHEMENCE OF AKHBAR EDITORIAL SUGGESTS SOVIETS MAY HAVE HIT RAW NERVE IN CRITICIZING EGYPTIAN PRICE-SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES. AT TIME WHEN GOE BECOMING INCREASINGLY PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES MOSCOW'S HIGHLIGHTING EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS LIKELY TO PROVOKE HIGHER LEVEL RIPOSTES, POSSIBLY EVEN FROM SADAT, IF SUCH SOVIET CRITICISM CONTINUES. EILTS

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